APPENDIX B.

INTERPELLATIONS.

MR. B. NARASINGA RAO, AND MR. V. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR (SERINGAPATAM TALUK).—

Q.—I. Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information:—

(*a*) Total sum spent from the general revenues of the State for the last 25 years for the improvement of the cities of Mysore and Bangalore in various directions.

(*b*) Total sum spent from the general revenues of the State during the said period for similar improvements and sanitation and water-supply of places in the State other than Mysore and Bangalore.

(*c*) Do not Government think that the other places than Mysore and Bangalore require a better treatment at the hands of the Government in the matter of the improvement of sanitation, water-supply, etc.?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

—(*a*) *and* (*b*) A statement showing the available information is placed on the table.

(*c*) The attention of the members is invited to Government Order No. 3005-55—Ml. 132-16-1, dated 16th November 1916, in paragraphs 13 and 23 of which the policy of Government with regard to giving grants-in-aid from the general revenues to Municipalities and Local Bodies is laid down. The sanctioned provision in the current year's State Budget for grants-in-aid to Local Bodies, etc., is noted below:—

		Rs.
(i)	For improvement of water-supply in towns (other than Bangalore and Mysore)	50,000
(ii)	Sanitary improvement	75,000
(iii)	Contribution to District Boards for road improvement ...	50,000
(iv)	Grants-in-aid to Local Fund for village improvement ...	1,50,000
(v)	Grants-in-aid for sinking drinking water wells in villages ...	50,000

Government will be prepared to sanction additional grants of money if they are satisfied that they can be utilised on approved works of water-supply and drainage. Progress has been hindered for the past three or four years on account of the difficulty of obtaining pipes, etc.

MR. C. NARASIMHAYA, (HEGGADDEVANKOTE TALUK).—

Q.—II. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) For how many days the Mysore Sub-Judge's Court was without a judge.

(*b*) Why no Judge was appointed before relieving the then Judge?

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

A.—(*a*) Thirteen days.

(*b*) Permanent arrangements were expected to be made in time, but afterwards it was found that some time would lapse before orders could issue. Therefore the Chief Court was authorised to make temporary arrangements to fill the place.

MESSRS. K. RAMANUJA IYENGAR, HUTCHVEEREGOWDA (GUBBI TALUK) AND MR. SURAPPA *alias* SURYANARAYANA RAO (TUMKUR TALUK.)—

Q.—III. Will the Government be pleased to state what amount has been contributed both in cash and labour by the people in each taluk in the State towards Village Improvement works since the Village Improvement Scheme was brought into operation?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—Information is being collected and will be published.

MESSRS. K. RAMANUJA IYENGAR AND HUTCHVEEREGOWDA (GUBBI TALUK) AND MR. SURAPPA *alias* SURYANARAYANA RAO, (TUMKUR TALUK).—

Q.—IV. Will the Government be pleased to state what allotment is sanctioned, the amount expended and the balance unspent in each taluk in the State, with reasons for yearly lapses, under the rural water-supply scheme since its introduction up-to-date?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—A statement containing the available information is placed on the table.

MESSRS. K. RAMANUJA IYENGAR AND HUTCHVEEREGOWDA (GUBBI TALUK) AND MR. SURAPPA *alias* SURYANARAYANA RAO, (TUMKUR TALUK).—

Q.—V. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points in respect of Amrut Mahal Kavals in the State:—

(*a*) 1. Total extent of Amrut Mahal Kavals.
2. Number of hot-weather kavals.
3. Number of other kavals.

(*b*) 1. Total number of cattle in the Amrut Mahal Department.
2. Number of cattle that graze in the hot-weather kavals.
3. The period of grazing in the year.

(*c*) 1. The extent of land under cultivation in the State, dry, wet and bagayet.
2. Revenue derived therefrom.
3 The extent of land that may become available for dry as well as wet and bagayet cultivation under tanks by throwing out kaval lands for cultivation.
4. The pressing necessity that exists at present for the reservation of the Amrut Mahal Kavals.
5. The income and expenditure to Government on account of the kavals.

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

A.—(*a*) (1) 267,699 acres.
(2) 60.
(3) 138.
(*b*) (1) 10,161.
(2) The whole herd consisting of 10,161 head of cattle.
(3) (i) In hot-weather kavals—from the middle of January to the middle of May.
(ii) In jungle kavals—from the middle of May to the middle of September.
(iii) In rainy season kavals—from the middle of September to the end of October.
(iv) In cold-weather kavals—from the beginning of November to the middle of January.
(*c*) 1. The extent of land under cultivation during 1917-18. was as follows:—

	Acres
Dry	6,201,148
Wet	835,969
Bagayet	273,598

2. The revenue derived therefrom is:—

Dry	Rs. 50,88,520
Wet	,, 34,80,051
Bagayet	,, 12,69,108

3. Government have only recently ordered an extent of 1¼ lakhs of acres of kaval lands to be made over to the Revenue Department to be thrown open to cultivation. Until these lands are actually sub-divided and assessed, which will take some time, it is not possible to say what extent out of it will be fit for dry, wet and garden cultivation.
4. In order to maintain a special breed of Government cattle for which Mysore has been justly celebrated and for providing suitable bullocks to the Military Department and to the Mysore raiyats, it is necessary to reserve what remains of the Amrut Mahal Kavals.
5. A statement showing the revenue and expenditure of the Amrut Mahal Department during the past five years is placed on the table,

MESSRS. T. B. MALLEGOWDA, C. VASUDEVA RAO, and B. KESAVIAH (CHIKMAGALUR TALUK.)—

Q.—VI. Will the Government be pleased to state what is the amount of Union money that has been accumulated in the State?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—Union Funds form part of District Funds, to which they are credited. The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of Unions from 1912-13, the year from which separate accounts are available.

Year	Receipts Rs.	Expenditure Rs.
1912-13	1,06,000	59,000
1913-14	1,30,000	67,000
1914-15	1,19,000	82,000
1915-16	1,30,000	83,000
1916-17	1,60,000	92,000
Total ...	6,45,000	3,83,000

The surplus forms part of the District Funds. It has been ordered that this surplus should be expended on the respective Unions only.

MR. T. NARASINGA RAO, (NORTH MYSORE NATIVE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION).—

Q.—VII. As the scarcity of fuel is being felt day by day and as it is also closely connected with the supply of cattle manure, will Government be pleased to state:—

1. The number of acres planted in the year 1916-17 by the Forest Department, near villages, towns or cities?

2. The number of acres planted by the raiyats on their holdings in 1916-17?

3. If the progress is unsatisfactory, will Government be pleased to state what steps they mean taking to vigorously encourage planting fuel trees?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—1 and 2. The required information has been called for.

3. The information referred to in the answer to (1) and (2) above has to be awaited.

MR. S. R. BALAKRISHNA RAO, B.A., LL.B., (SHIMOGA TALUK).—

Q.—VIII. Is the attention of Government drawn to the difficulty experienced by the students seeking admission in the University Entrance Classes during last July and the hurried attempts made in opening special classes?

If so, will the Government be pleased to open a Science Section in the Collegiate class of Shimoga and open another Collegiate class at Hassan before the beginning of the next academical year, to meet the growing demands of the student population?

SECRETARY, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE.—

A.—Government are aware of the difficulty. The suggestions will receive consideration.

MR. S R. BALAKRISHNA RAO, B.A., LL.B., (SHIMOGA TALUK)—

Q.—IX. (*a*) Are Government aware that different qualifications for appointments of Police Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors are prescribed by the Inspector-General of Police for candidates coming from different communities and that lower standard of education is required of members of the backward communities and higher standard in the case of members of the forward communities?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state why this distinction is observed in recruitment, to the prejudice of efficiency?

(*c*) Will not the object of encouraging special communities be secured by preferring candidates of the "backward" communities if, in other respects, they are of equal educational attainments to other candidates?

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

A.—IX. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There are different branches of police work and it is not necessary to insist on a uniform minimum qualification of recruitment to all the branches. The prescribing of different qualifications in this department does not therefore impair efficiency while it serves to secure immediately a more even representation of the different communities in the service.

(*c*) The reply to (*b*) renders an answer to this unnecessary.

MESSRS. SRINIVASA DIKSHIT, (SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD), RAMAPPA, SHIKARPUR TALUK.

Q.—X. Will the Government be pleased to enlighten the members how often the subject regarding a dam across the Kumudvati near Anjanapur was placed before it for discussion?

SECRETARY, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—This subject was brought up for discussion in the Representative Assembly of 1906 for the first time and subsequently in the years 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1917 (Dasara Session).

The settlement of the question has been rendered difficult for lack of a suitable site. The Anjanapur site has been condemned by competent officers after personal inspection. The question will be further examined in the next working season.

MR. C. CHENNAKESAVIAH, CHITALDRUG TALUK.—

Q.—XI. Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications for large landed estates have been put in and granted in each district, since the introduction of the scheme and how many are being worked?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—A statement is placed on the table showing details of applications received and disposed of in each district.

No information is available as to how many of these estates are being worked.

MR. C. CHENNAKESAVIAH, CHITALDRUG TALUK.—

Q.—XII. Will the Government be pleased to give a comparative statement of the insolvency applications filed and granted in all the Civil Courts during the five years preceding the introduction of the Insolvency Regulation of 1911, and for five years from 1913-14 to 1917-18 inclusive?

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

A.—A statement giving the information required is placed on the table.

MR. G. GIRIMAJI RAO, KOLAR TALUK.—

Q.—XIII. Will the Government be pleased to state—

a. Whether the District Medical Officers have been performing the medical inspection of schools regularly?

b. If so, how many children were treated and generally of what diseases?

c. Whether periodical reports have been submitted by them, and if so, what action has been taken by Government in the light of those reports?

SECRETARY, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE.—

a. The information already received shows that medical inspection of schools has been fairly regular in the Hassan, Bangalore, Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts. Further information is called for as regards the other districts.

b. In Hassan, 155 pupils were examined and 19 recommended to undergo treatment. In Bangalore the number of pupils examined was 864 and the number treated was 537. In Kolar 447 pupils were examined and 257 treated. Details regarding other districts are awaited.

c. The first annual report regarding the working of the scheme during the 1st year will be embodied in the report on Public Instruction for 1917-18. No separate report has been prescribed.

MR. KARNIK KRISHNAMURTI RAO, MAGADI TALUK.—

Q.—XIV. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how long it is since the Efficiency Audit Department began to work actively in the State?

b. What is the total amount of salaries and allowances spent up to the end of June 1918 for the maintenance of this Department?

c. Has the Department made any investigations about the conduct of officers and officials against whom there were or have been complaints before or since the organization of the Department?

d. What was the result of each such case investigated and will Government be pleased to publish, or at least place on the table for the information of the Representative Assembly members, a list of all such cases briefly embodying the charges, how far they were proved or disposed and punishment was meted out in each individual case?

e. Is Government aware that similar lists are being published and circulated to all employees by the British Postal Department and will Government consider the desirability of adopting a similar course in order that it may serve as a warning to others?

f. Will Government be pleased to consider also the desirability of appointing officers of suitably high status and position to enquire about the conduct of public servants by private and surprise visits, etc., with a view to prevent slackness and corruption in subordinate offices?

CHIEF SECRETARY.—

A.—*a.* From July 1914.

b. 1914-15, Rs. 9,518, 1915-16, Rs. 12,454, 1916-17, Rs. 13,194 and 1917-18 Rs. 13,964.

c. Yes.

d. Government do not consider it desirable to publish particulars of the enquiries.

e. The answer is in the negative.

f. If the member will make definite suggestions, they will be considered.

MR. KARNICK KRISHNAMURTI RAO, MAGADI TALUK.—

Q.—XV. *a.* Will Government be pleased to publish or supply for the information of members a statement showing how many times and when last each Taluk and Sub-Taluk Office was inspected by the Revenue Commissioner since 1904 when a whole-time Officer was appointed to the office?

b. How many Districts, Taluks and other subordinate offices were inspected by the Revenue Commissioner during the year 1916-17 and 1917-18?

c. What administrative and other defects were noticed in the course of such inspections and what steps were taken to remedy them?

d. How many records have been pending for more than five or ten years respectively in all the Revenue offices of the State and what arrangement has been made to bring about their speedy disposal and to see that such delays do not occur in future?

e. As the decisions in Revenue cases are more important from the point of views of the larger classes than decisions of Civil Courts, will Government be pleased to consider the desirability of periodically publishing them in Kannada?

(*f*) Will Government consider also the desirability of publishing the tour notes programmes of the Revenue Commissioner for public information?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—(*a*) The information asked for is not available. It will be called for and furnished.

	1916-17	1917-18
(*b*) District Offices	4	1
District Treasuries	4	2
Sub-Division Offices	5	3
Taluk Offices	14	6
Veterinary Institutions...		2

(*c*) It is not possible to describe categorically the defects noticed. Suitable instructions were issued to remedy defects noticed.

(*d*) Information is not available, and cannot be easily obtained. Cases of inordinate delay are checked during the course of office inspections.

(*e*) Decisions of Government in important Revenue cases are published in English and Kannada in the *Gazette*.

(*f*) Reviews of Government on the tour notes of the Revenue Commissioner are placed at the disposal of the Press when they contain any matters of interest to the general public. The question of publishing the tour programmes will be considered.

MR. B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR, (ANEKAL TALUK).—

Q.—XVI. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of breached tanks in the State?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of such tanks under which the remission is allowed?

(*c*) If the remission is not allowed under such tanks is it not a hardship to such of the raiyats who hold lands under those tanks?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to consider such cases early?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—(*a*) *and* (*b*) The information asked for by the member is not available.

(*c*) The rules provide for remission in such cases.

(*d*) Under the standing orders, the Deputy Commissioner is competent to sanction remissions in respect of lands under such tanks without reference to Government.